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Letters to the Editor

"Security Practices"

Rose Cyclor (July 13) appears to have forgotten that other qualities than 100 per cent American-ness are needed for successful intelligence work. Surprisingly few "native Americans" know Russian or Chinese, not to mention Mongolian, Haaka, Zulu, Amharic, Telegu, Kurdish, Quechua, Komi, Rumanian, Tibetan or Byelorussian.

But there are things going on in all of the countries where these languages are spoken which are of direct interest to our Government. So since pure-heartedness alone will not provide the gift of tongues, we do well to employ a few foreigners.

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In a letter mentioning CIA employe "John," Rose Cyclor asked: "... since when does a sensitive agency such as the CIA take into its organization persons who are not American citizens and then give them access to classified material?"

No doubt the proper answer is: "Never." A sensitive agency such as the CIA does not do that! Even if "John" is Russian-born, he is an American citizen. In our judgment, a loyal American citizen! More than that, his particular reasons, his valuable aid in our struggle against communism!

DAVID BACON.

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